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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS ON LIBYA

1. ARABIC LANGUAGE PRESS MAY 29 CONTINUES LOW KEY ATTACKS ON LIBYA AND COL. QADHAAFI IN PARTICULAR.
2. AKHBAR, WHICH HAS BEEN CHIEF CRITIC OF QADHAAFI, CONTINUES ITS SERIES OF CARTOONS WHICH SHOW QADHAAFI AS VICIOUS CHILD WITH CHAMBER POT AND LARGE BANK ACCOUNT. CLUE TO RATHER CONDESCENDING VIEW OF EDUCATED EGYPTIAN TOWARD THE COLONEL IS GREAT POPULARITY OF THIS CARTOON SERIES. AKHBAR ALSO HAS FRONTPAGE ITEM FROM KHARTOUM REPORTING THAT SUDANESE GOVERNMENT "HAS GATHER INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE OF INTENSIFIED LIBYAN MOVEMENT IN SUDAN AIMED AT ACTS OF SABOTAGE, INCLUDING ASSASSINATIONS".
3. AHAM HAS FRONT PAGE ITEM NOTING THAT LE MONDE HAS POINTED OUT OMISSION OF ANY CALL FOR UNITED PALESTINIAN STATE IN TEXT OF LIBYAN-USSR COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER JALLUD'S MOSCOW VISIT. LE MONDE, AS QUOTED BY AHAM, MAKES POINT THAT BY THIS OMISSION LIBYA IS GUILTY OF FAULT FOR WHICH TRIPOLI

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HAS PREVIOUSLY CRITICIZED EGYPT AND SYRIA.

4. SINGLE EDITORIAL ON LIBYA IS RESTRAINED AHARAM COMMENTARY ON "ENIGMATIC" LIBYAN POSITION ON MERGER WITH EGYPT. PAPER CITES ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1970 WHICH "REGRETABLE" WAS NEVER IMPLEMENTED. PAPER ALSO RECALLS NOTION OF FIRST UNIFIED GOVERNORATE ON BORDER AT TOBRUK WHICH WAS TO BE NUCLEUS OF UNION, REMARKING THAT LIBYANS SUDDENLY DROPPED THE IDEA THREE DAYS BEFORE PLANNED MILITARY PARADE THERE. "WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THIS PERPLEXING ATTITUDE BUT AT ANY RATE THE ARAB PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE."
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